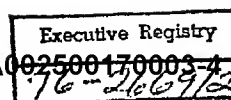


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ATTN OF:

IN

9 SEP 1976

SUBJECT:

"Escape from Indochina -- South Vietnam a Year After the Fall" (U)

TO: The Honorable George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence

1. (C) You may recall that in late June we sent you and other members of the National Foreign Intelligence Board some of the highlights resulting from the debriefing of HO KIM HAI, the former Vietnamese Air Force helicopter pilot who escaped to Thailand in his UH-1 helicopter, bringing with him his wife, his four children, and his flight mechanic.
2. (U) At the time, you expressed an interest in seeing a wrap-up of the significant information obtained from the debriefing. That wrap-up has now been completed, and I take pleasure in forwarding a copy herewith. Copies also are being sent to other members of the National Foreign Intelligence Board, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, and other members of the intelligence community.
3. (C) Now, with the successful defection of a Soviet MIG-25 pilot to Japan, the 7602d Air Intelligence Group is prepared to conduct a similar professional debriefing, using the same air-related expertise that proved to be such a valuable asset in the exploitation of Lt HAI.

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